

REMARKS

Initially, the undersigned, attorney for the Applicants, would like to thank Examiner Snay for the Notice of Allowance.

I. Substitute Drawings.

The substitute drawings are formal drawings and have not been substantively changed from Figures 1-13, submitted with the original application. These amendments do not add new matter. Entry of these substitute drawings is respectfully requested.

II. Specification Amendments.

The specification has been amended for clarity and to correct obvious errors. As detailed below, these amendments do not add new matter. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Structures A and B on pages 11 and 12 have been amended to label the rings as "A" and "B". This amendment is made for clarity and does not add new matter.

The specification, page 12, line 22 is amended to correct an error in referring to the above Structures A-C, which do not show dotted lines. Structures A and B have been amended to label the rings as "A" and "B", the amendment to this paragraph reflects this change. This amendment is made for clarity to correct an obvious error. This amendment does not add new matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone with the Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

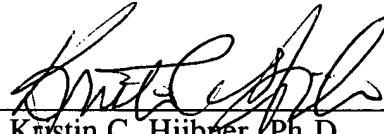
It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this communication. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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